

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An object of the present invention is to easily and quickly decode a plurality of types of compressed audio data. A compressed audio data reproduction apparatus comprising a plurality of decoders configured to decode compressed audio data of respective exclusive compression forms, a compression form identifying portion configured to identify the compression form based on header information of the compressed audio data, and a selector configured to select the decoders corresponding to the compression form identified by said compression form identifying portion from said plurality of decoders.